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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

On June 16, 2005, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill (H.R. 2419), which funds Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) civil works projects, including those of importance to the County's Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors. The Senate bill includes \$1 million to dredge the Marina del Rey entrance channel, which was added on our behalf at the request of Senator Feinstein.

The Corps is responsible for maintenance and dredging of the entrance channel, but has not dredged the channel since 1999. As a result, a considerable amount of sediment has built up, hindering the ability of ships and boats to safely use the channel. Earlier this year, the County requested \$7.99 million in Corps funding for the dredging project, but the House did not include any funding in the bill that it passed on May 24, 2005. Attached is a table comparing funding levels for Corps projects of County interest in the Senate and House bills.

The Senate version includes more overall discretionary spending (\$31.2 billion) than the House version (\$29.7 billion) as well as significantly more funding for the Corps than requested by either the President or included in the House bill. Most notably, the Senate bill provides \$100 million more than the House bill for the Corps' Operation and

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Maintenance budget from which dredging of the Marina del Rey entrance channel and maintenance of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area would be funded. The Senate funding level also is \$80 million more than the House for Corps' General Investigations, which would fund five other Corps projects for which the County requested funding. The Senate is expected to pass its FFY 2006 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill by the end of July with the conference committee to reconcile differences between the Senate and House versions convening after the August recess.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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**PROPOSED FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 FUNDING LEVELS FOR
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
H.R. 2419, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

PROJECTS	Enacted 2005	House 2006	Senate 2006
Operation and Maintenance			
Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA)	\$ 5,376,000	\$ 4,287,000	\$ 4,287,000
Marina del Rey Maintenance Dredging	0	0	1,000,000
General Investigations			
Regional Dredged Material Management Plan	630,000	850,000	850,000
California Coastal Sediment Master Plan	116,000	900,000	600,000
Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study	450,000	0	300,000
Sun Valley Watershed Feasibility Study	38,000	100,000	250,000
Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study	0	0	300,000
Continuing Authorities Program			
Tujunga Wash Restoration Project – Phase II	100,000	431,000	0